

WI-194  
Charles Leatherbury House  
Whitehaven  
Private

c. 1887

Located in the front line of houses that faces the Wicomico River in the village of Whitehaven, the Charles Leatherbury house is a well-preserved example of late nineteenth century domestic village architecture with its unaltered exterior. The two-and-a-half story cross-gabled frame dwelling exhibits modest Victorian detailing with a turned post porch and decorative fishscale shingles. Small corner brackets visually support the extended eaves.

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## HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: CHARLES LEATHERBURY HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-194

### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
- 2) Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):  
Industrial/Urban Dominance  
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-194

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic CHARLES LEATHERBURY HOUSE

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number River Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town Whitehaven ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: none

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Carlton L. Herrett

street &amp; number 23844 River Street telephone no.:

city, town Whitehaven state and zip code MD 21856

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1110 M. 65

street &amp; number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 641 P. 39

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. WI-194

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Charles Leatherbury house is located on the north side of River Street in the center of Whitehaven, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame house faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1887, the two-story-and-a-half story, three-bay, center hall/single-pile dwelling is supported by an infilled brick pier foundation, and the house is sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. The steeply pitched roof, with extended eaves and open soffits, is covered with asphalt shingles.

The south (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The heavily molded four-panel front door is topped by a two-light transom, and the entire first floor is sheltered by a chamfered post front porch. The second floor is lighted by two-over-two sash windows as well. Centered on the steeply pitched roof is a cross gable covered with fishscale shingles. Fixed within the gable is a modern pointed arch, colored glass window.

The gable ends are defined by a pair of two-over-two sash windows on each floor which flank the interior end brick chimney stack. The chimney stacks display decorative brickwork including inset corners and corbelled caps. Piercing the upper gable is a pair of small two-over-two windows that illuminate the attic. The stove flue is topped by a corbelled cap. Extended gable end eaves are supported at the lower corners by decorative brackets, and the gable end itself is covered with fishscale shingles.

The north (rear) wall is marked by a balanced fenestration with a centered rear door opening and two-over-two sash windows on the first and second floors.

The interior was not seen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Dated to around 1887, the cross-gabled frame dwelling was the longtime residence of Charles and Williamanna Leatherbury. Charles Leatherbury purchased this lot from James L. Leatherbury on April 29, 1886, and he presumably erected the house shortly thereafter. (FMS 1/259) On a plat drawn in 1898 to settle the estate of William K. Leatherbury, who at that time owned the adjacent parcels, the lot is labeled with Charles Leatherbury. (EAT 11/532) The house and lot remained in Leatherbury family hands until 1945 when Doris W. and Williamanna Leatherbury sold the family house to Harry Edward Dolbey, Katherine Emily Dolbey, and Henrietta Anita Dolbey. (JWTS 271/227) Dolbey family interest in the property was maintained until the early 1970s. (JWTS 765/455)

This house falls into Category B, which identifies it as a property that should be preserved since it is a building exhibiting some good architectural details and it represents a good example of architectural development and style, and at the same time supports the character of the historic district.



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CHARLES LEATHERBURY HOUSE  
River Street  
Whitehaven, Maryland  
Chain of title

1110/641                    James C. Field  
                             Louise E. Field

to

7/10/1987                  Charlton L. and Maryen R. Herrett  
                             Item Two: being all of Lot 2 designated as  
                                 Charles Leatherbury on "Plat of W. K.  
                                 Leatherbury, 4/18/1898 EAT 11/352 and  
                                 being the same land conveyed to grantors  
                                 by deed dated 8/21/1974 by Richard Lee  
                                 Teaman and Beatrice Mae Teaman AJS 826/551

AJS 826/551                Richard Lee Teaman  
                             Louise Mae Teaman

to

8/21/551                   James C. Field  
                             Louise E. Field

JWTS 794/576              SHeldon B. Seidel

to

6/28/1973                  Richard Lee Teaman  
                             Beatrice Mae Teaman

JWTS 768/140              Frank Lee Dolbey

to

8/28/1972                  Sheldon B. Seidel  
                             "Parcel No. 1"

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JWTS 765/455

Katherine Emily Dolbey  
Henrietta Dolbey Conlin

to

4/6/1972

Frank Lee Dolbey

JWTS 271/227

Doris W. Leatherbury  
Williamanna Leatherbury

to

7/30/1945

Harry Edward Dolbey  
Katherine Emily Dolbey  
Henrietta Anita Dolbey  
(which said land upon the death of Charles  
Leatherbury intestate, descended to Willie A.  
Leatherbury, his widow, and James L. Leatherbury, his  
son)

FMS 1/259

James L. Leatherbury

to

4/29/1886

Charles Leatherbury  
\$100.00 1/8 acre



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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form may also be used for entering  
properties into the Maryland Inventory of  
Historic Properties and the Maryland Register  
of Historic Properties.

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Charles Leatherbury House

other names/site number WI 194

2. Location

street & number 23848 River Street ☐ not for publication

city or town Whitehaven, Maryland ☐ vicinity

state Maryland code \_\_\_\_\_ county Wicomico code \_\_\_\_\_ zip code 21856

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☐ nomination  
☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of  
Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  
☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  
☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☐ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional  
comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- ☐ entered in the National Register.  
☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined eligible for the  
National Register  
☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined not eligible for the  
National Register.
- ☐ removed from the National  
Register.
- ☐ other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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Name of Property

site/inventory number

County and State

**5. Classification****Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private  
☐ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing

Noncontributing

1 buildings  
 \_\_\_\_\_ sites  
 \_\_\_\_\_ structures  
 \_\_\_\_\_ objects  
 1 Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

none

**6. Function or Use****Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Same

**7. Description****Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Carpenter Gothic

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Weatherboard Shingle

roof Asbestos

other

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

PLACE NARRATIVE ON CONTINUATION SHEETS

Charles Leatherbury House WI 194  
Name of Property site/inventory number

Wicomico, Maryland  
County and State

## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

### Period of Significance

c. 1886

### Significant Dates

### Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

### Cultural Affiliation

### Architect/Builder

### Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 10. Geographical Data

Size of Property less than one acre

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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☐ See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

N/A

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Maryen R. Herrett

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date September 1, 1995

street & number 23844 River Street telephone 410-873-3320

city or town Whitehaven state MD zip code 21856

### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### Continuation Sheets

#### Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

#### Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

### Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Maryen and Carlton Herrett

street & number 23844 River St. telephone 410 873 3320

city or town Whitehaven state MD zip code 21856

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Located in the front line of houses that face the Wicomico River in the village of Whitehaven, the Charles Leatherbury house is a well-preserved example of late nineteenth century domestic village architecture with unaltered exterior and interior. It is a two and a half story cross-gabled frame dwelling with modest Victorian detailing which includes turned post porch and decorative fishscale shingles. Small corner brackets visually support the extended eaves. The house is divided into two rooms of equal size on each floor separated by a wide center hall featuring a staircase that rises to a landing and turns. A lean-to kitchen addition was demolished in the 1970s due to termite damage. The house has been abandoned for some 40 years.

The present owners plan a complete restoration with a cross-gable addition which is illustrated in the attached plans.

Dating to around 1887, the dwelling was the longtime residence of Charles and Williamanna Leatherbury. Charles Leatherbury purchased the lot from James L. Leatherbury on April 29, 1886 and presumably erected the house shortly thereafter. The house and lot remained in leatherbury family hands until 1945 when Doris W. and Williamanna Leatherbury sold the family house to Harry Edward Dolbey, Katherine Emily Dolbey, and Henrietta Anita Dolbey. Dolbey family interest in the property was maintained until the early 1970s.

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Paul Touart, Architectural Historian states: "This house falls into Category B, which identifies it as a property that should be preserved since it is a building exhibiting some good architectural details and it represents a good example of architectural development and style, and at the same time supports the character of the historic district."

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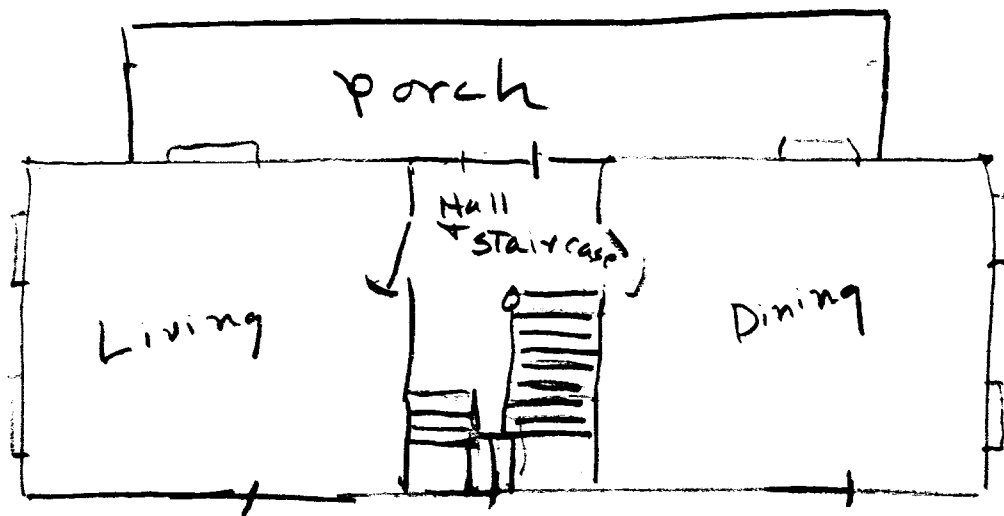
# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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The property is located in the village of Whitehaven, Wicomico County, Maryland. It is bounded on the south by River Street, on the west by property owned by Maryen and Carlton Herrettand on the east by a lot owned by Audrey Robertson of Baltimore. The norther boundary is Whitehaven Road. An attached diagram of the village of Whitehaven showing the property divisions is attached.

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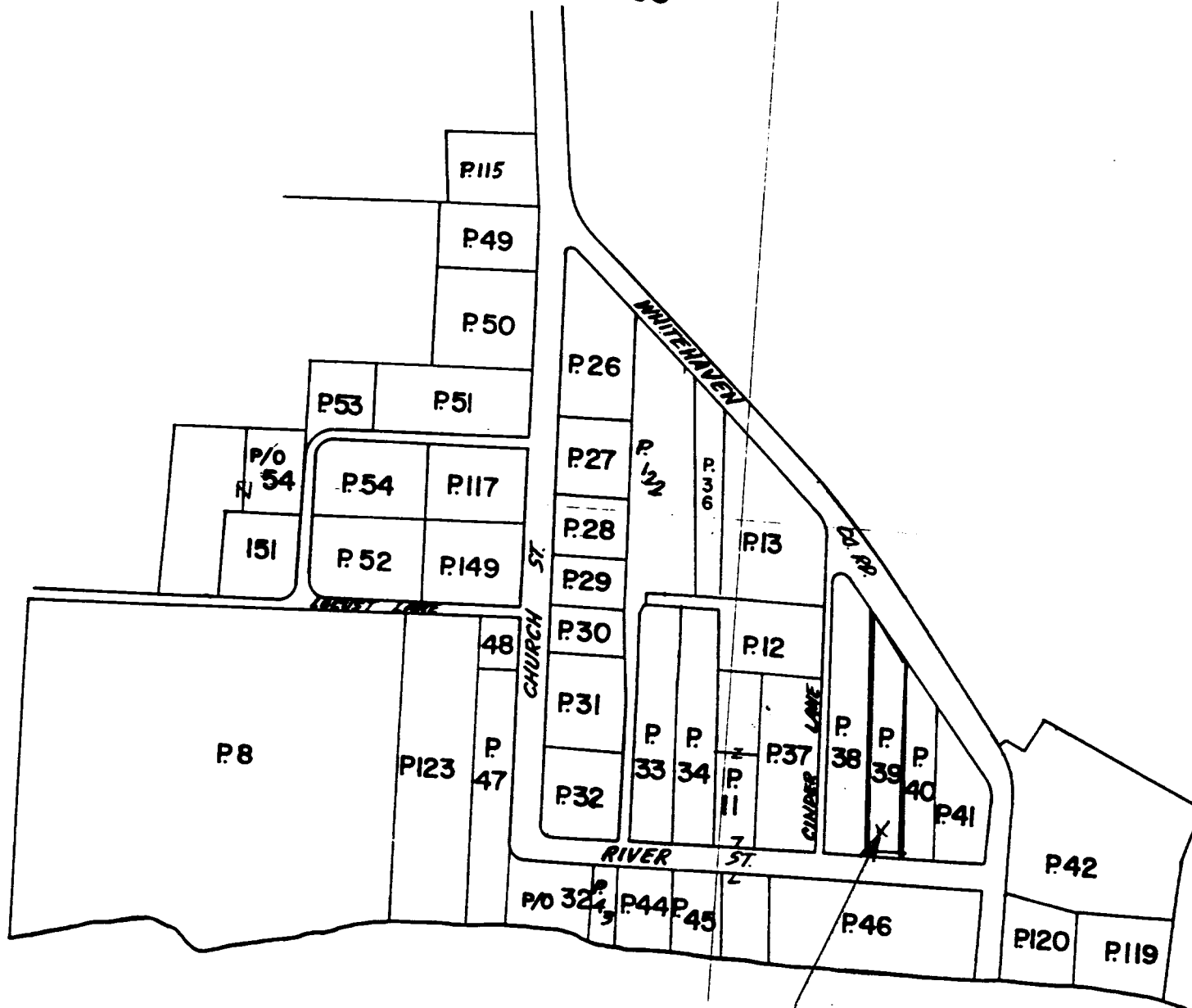


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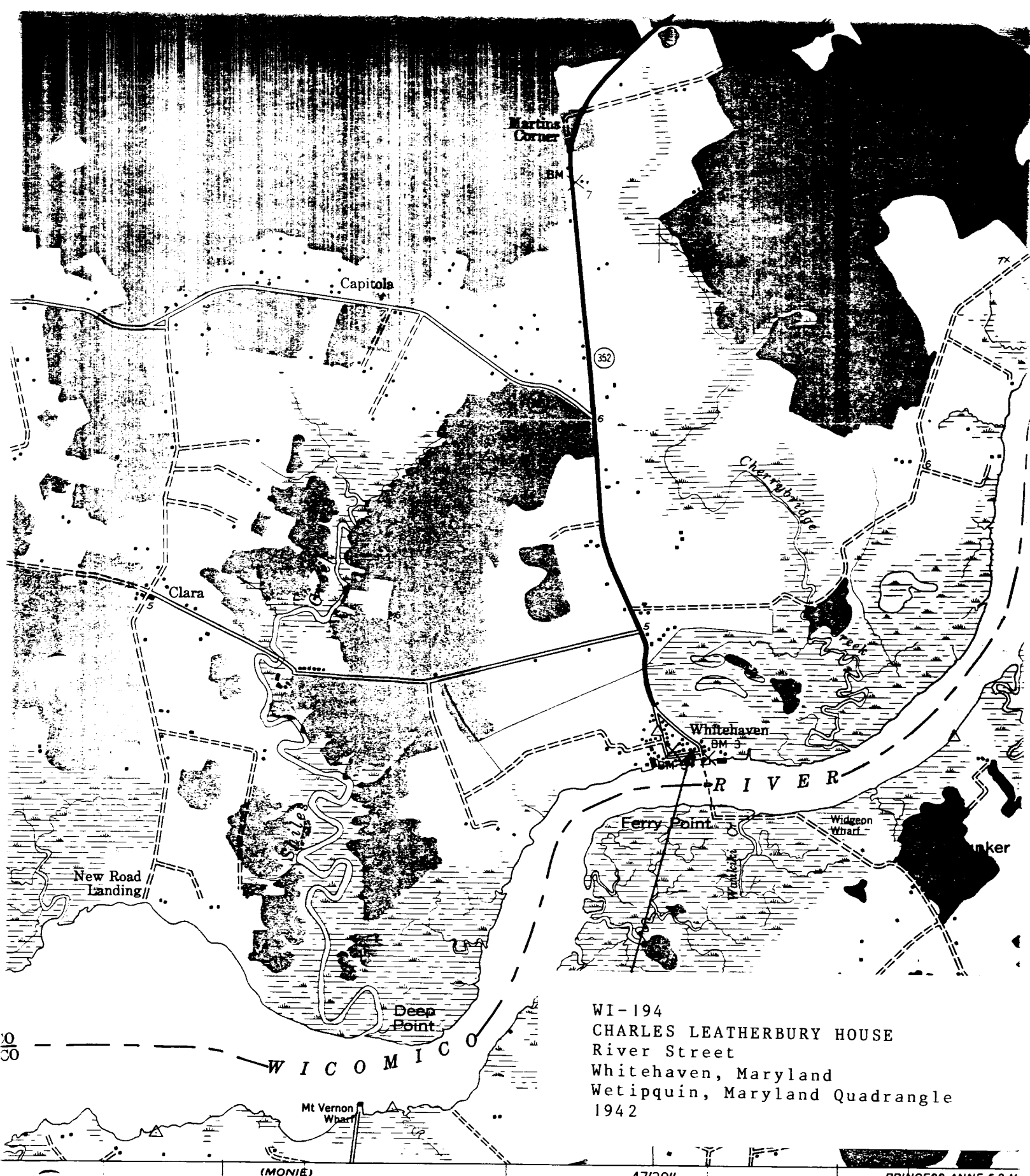


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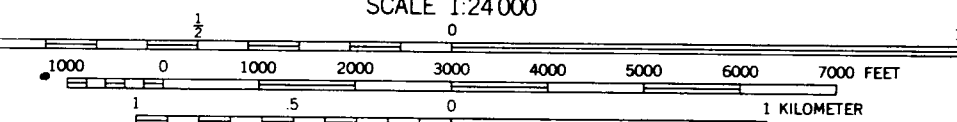
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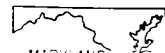
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 Parcel 39



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Charles Leatherbury House  
South side (front) & West end  
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Charles Leatherbury House  
South (front)

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Charles Leatherbury House  
North (back) and East side

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